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SUBJ: KABUL 5645, SEPTEMBER 27, 1972

1. IN DISCUSSION RE GOT FONMIN'S MAY 27 VISIT KABUL, TURK DCM INFORMED POLOFF THAT RGA HAD REQUESTED 19 SLOTS FOR ADVANCED MILITARY TRAINING IN TURKEY (CAPTAIN - MAJOR LEVEL AND UP). RGA PLANS DISCUSS IN GREATER DETAIL WITH TURK FONMIN, ALTHOUGH HAS NOT RPT NOT YET SPECIFIED EXACT TYPE TRAINING REQUIRED. AS PART OF FONMIN'S KABUL PROGRAM RGA ORGANIZING SPECIAL MILITARY RECEPTION TO BE ATTENDED BY ALL HIGHER- RANKING AFGHAN OFFICERS PREVIOUSLY TRAINED IN TURKEY OR BY TURK ADVISORS.

2. TURKISH MILITARY ATTACHE HAD EARLIER TOLD DATT THAT HE BELIEVED HIS GOVERNMENT WOULD GO ALONG WITH REQUEST TO NO MORE THAN 5-6 SPACES, PROBABLY EQUIVALENT TO US COMBAT ARMS' ADVANCED COURSES AT CAPTAIN LEVEL.

3. COMMENT: WHILE AFGHANS HAVE REFERRED TO SUCH TRAINING ON SEVERAL RECENT OCCASIONS, THIS IS FIRST TIME THEY HAVE BEEN THIS SPECIFIC. TURK DCM SEES AFGHAN MOVE AS FURTHER ATTEMPT HAVE ALTERNATIVE - NO MATTER HOW SMALL - TO MASSIVE SOVIET DOMINANCE FOREIGN MILITARY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM IN AFGHANISTAN. WE CONCUR THIS ASSESSMENT.  
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